

--- “Series of 1883” - Thirty-five Pounds - Blue - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the thirty-five pound stamp was not added to the 1883 coupon stamps until 1885. Thus there are probably no *block wmkd* thirty-five pound stamps.

Purely as an aside it can be noted, that there are no 5 pound, 35 pound or 100 pound 1883 Coupon stamps that carry the 5 mm. *Gothic violet control numbering*. The 5 pound stamp dates from 1888, while the other two date from 1885. This pretty well positions the *violet control numbered* stamps in the 1883-84 era. I feel that these stamps were either prepared for a philatelic exhibition in 1884, or were prepared as “presentation” sets for prominent philatelists. At that time it was illegal to possess unused ‘genuine’ tax-paid stamps.

However, John McKay lists a single book of 100 copies ‘delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract**. This may be printed on *block wmkd* vertical mesh paper. **WANTED!** A copy with a control number less than **000100**.

The catalogue lists the recess printed “Series of 1883” thirty-five pound blue COUPON stamps as follows:

RM-300 - 35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove paper, with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an **188**_ stub
RM-301 - 35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove paper, with 5 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an **189**_ stub

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 100 copies of “35 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 5,170 copies of “35 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 29,730 copies of “35 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.

--- The “theoretical” control number range on the 35 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract - (1878-1886)	100	- 000001 to 000100
4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)	5,170	- 000101 to 005270
5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897)	<u>29,730</u>	- 005271 to 035000
	35,000	

--- The “actual” control number range on the 35 pound blue Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

35 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - 4 mm. controls	- 005011 to 005024
35 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - 5 mm. controls	- 019241 to 019974

Judging by the control numbers found on the remnant copies of **RM-301**, it seems obvious that about 19,000 thirty-five pound blue COUPON stamps were actually used.

In 1887, under the terms of their 4th Contract (1886-1892), BABN returned their plant operations from Montreal where they had been in operation since leaving Ottawa in 1874. Their 4 mm. control numbers, as used on **RM-300** in Montreal, were switched to 5 mm. for **RM-301** by the Ottawa plant.

--- RM-300 - Thirty-five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. Montreal red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



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4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)

5,170

- 000101 to 005270



★ RM-300 CP - 35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. control number 005024, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh poor grade wove, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic

005011 ★	RM-300	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh wove
005012	RM-300 CP	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh wove, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic
005024 ★	RM-300 CP	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh wove, with the stub dated 188_ - stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic

--- RM-301 - Thirty-five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-97 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove - with 5 mm. Ottawa red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and an 189_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

One would think, since only 35,000 copies of the thirty-five pound blue stamp were printed, and since they all apparently have the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait, that the printing would have been done in a single operation. Thus, when the company returned to Ottawa in 1887, the remnant copies of the single printing would have received 5 mm. control numbers. However, the 5 mm. control numbered **RM-301** is printed on *horizontal mesh* paper and the stub is dated **189_**.

The catalogue lists the recess printed “Series of 1883” thirty-five pound blue COUPON stamps as follows:

RM-301 - 35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove paper, with 5 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an **189_** stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 35 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897)

29,730

- **005271** to **035000**



★**RM-301** - 35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, with 5 mm. Ottawa control number **019510**, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an **189_** stub

019241	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019510 ★	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCVS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with the stub dated 189_
019554 ★	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019592	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019606	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019613	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019633	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019654	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019659	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019693	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019717	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019728	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019738	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019741	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019747	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019757	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019759	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019865	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019881	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019891	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove

019900	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019901	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019912	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019964	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019971	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019974	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
019988	RM-301	35 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove

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